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GEAC Looks at Hanover Parkway Improvements

by Barry Bernstein

"By the time they (drivers) get from there to here (Hunting Ridge), they are going 60 m.p.h. Someone's going to get killed out here," said Ron Simon, Greenbelt East resident. Indeed, Hanover Parkway has been a thorn in the side of many Greenbelt East residents who feel it was never constructed properly to meet the needs of the area's traffic demands.

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) at its Thursday, March 2 meeting discussed future improvements to Hanover Parkway, as well as needed improvements to the entrance of Greenway Center and police visibility in Greenbelt East.

Celia Craze, Greenbelt's director of Planning and Community Development, was guest speaker. She briefed GEAC on the proposed reconstruction of Hanover Parkway, especially the section between Greenbrook Drive and Megan Lane.

Roundabout

Recently the city placed a roundabout, which is similar to a circle only much smaller, on Hanover near Schrom Hills Park and the Lakes at Greenbelt Village. Skepticism about the effectiveness of the roundabout was expressed by Greenbelt East resi-

dents. Craze, as well as Mayor Judith Davis, urged residents to be patient as design plans are worked out. The present roundabout will be "decorative" when the project is complete, Craze noted. An additional roundabout at the entrance to Hunting Ridge is also being considered by the Greenbelt City Council if the one at the Lakes at Greenbelt Village is successful.

The Hanover Parkway Corridor and Gateway study to be prepared by the city's Department of Planning will be an evaluation of the aesthetics, intersection controls, pedestrian and bicycle access, and safety on the road. Craze pointed out that the study will become a formal project if the city approves it. She said that she hopes to see the project completed by the end of the year, although it calls for a 16-month time schedule starting July 1. According to Craze, she will be working with city council within the next four weeks to get final approval for the project.

In reply to Simon's earlier statement about the danger to pedestrians from speeding cars, Craze said, "I agree with you, the pedestrian control at Hunting Ridge is one of the major issues. Obviously one of the great issues

right now is the condition of the road itself. Some people are using it as a slalom course...we (the city) are going to have to tweak the roundabout some more. Right now drivers can almost do a straight-away through the circle," Craze noted. "By making the radius of the circle larger, it will slow traffic more quickly," she said.

Stop Signs

Further discussion concerned the issue of putting stop signs on Hanover Parkway, which was met with great skepticism. "When the issue of the stop signs came up on Hanover, all of the 29 board members at my homeowners association sent letters to GEAC protesting those signs," Councilmember Edward Putens said. "Hanover was not constructed properly and the city is spending a lot of money to fix it." (When the road was first constructed by the county, it was not conceived of as a major artery.) "I'll be honest, though" Putens continued, "I'd rather see more money put into the police force."

In reference to Putens' comment about the city police force, the committee responded that there must be more police visibility in the area, especially for the

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The Planner and the Artist Talk about Their City Jobs

by James Giese

Two young City of Greenbelt professionals reported on their job activities and responsibilities to the members and guests of the Greenbelt Democratic Club at the annual "Sweetheart" meeting. The speakers were Community Planner Terry Hruby and Arts Coordinator Nicole De Wald.

Terry Hruby

Hruby first worked for the city as a recreation coordinator in the Aquatics and Fitness Center after obtaining a degree in parks and planning from the University of Maryland. It was at Maryland that she first met her husband-to-be and first learned about Greenbelt. Her future husband had to do a paper and chose Greenbelt as the subject for his study.

She left city employment to go to Massachusetts with her husband. There, she earned a master's degree in city planning at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

When the couple decided to return to this area three years ago, Hruby was delighted to find another job with the city—this time in its Department of Community Planning and Development. Her boss is Celia Craze, the director of the department.

Hruby says that as a planner

she wears a lot of hats because of the diversity of projects to work on. The department's role is to advise the city council on quality of life issues. Her job is to analyze and problem solve environmental, historical and land-use issues.

One type of project in which she is involved is traffic management or traffic calming, that is, being able to accommodate motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians on a friendly basis. She is also working on a transportation study to determine what and where unsafe conditions exist. The new traffic circle on Hanover Parkway at the entrance to Greenbelt Lakes Village and Schrom Hills Park, now being tried out temporarily by marking the circle with plastic

bollards, is one of the new things being done as a result of her department's efforts. She expects the circle to slow the speed of traffic and enable side traffic to enter the street without the need for traffic signals. Another recent effort at traffic calming by the city is the construction of chokers and traffic islands on Breezwood Drive. Studies show that chokers slow the speed of traffic and the islands enable pedestrians to cross the street with greater safety, one lane at a time. Currently she is working with residents of Lastner Lane on traffic calming alternatives that might be done.

Other planning projects include the development of the

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Roosevelt-Duval Merger?

by Mary Moien

The Prince George's County Board of Education has produced a surprise proposal to merge students from Eleanor Roosevelt (ERHS) and Duval High Schools. The plan calls for 9th and 10th graders from both schools to attend Duval and for 11th and 12th graders to be taught at ERHS. This proposal first came to light late last week and was a topic at the Greenbelt City Council's March 13 meeting.

A decision on school boundaries had recently been made by the county which would keep all Greenbelt high school students at ERHS. At the meeting, councilmember Edward Putens questioned why the "deviation from the approved plan."

In response, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis commented that "council cannot fathom why this proposal is being considered. (There is a) need to create a good program at Duval instead of taking down the ERHS program." It is currently not known how the ERHS Science and Technology Program would be affected, but it appeared that all students would be split between the two schools.

Council had been planning to send a "gentle" letter to the school board regarding the possible merger. But in light of this discussion, they decided to wait until the

scheduled March 14 meeting with Dr. Iris Metts, superintendent, to see whether the letter should be modified.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull commented that he is the first ERHS alumnus on the city council and that "the city is going to want to send a strong letter" regarding this issue.

Iris Metts Addresses SRO Audience

by Mary Moien

"I am not wedded to any plan," Dr. Iris T. Metts, Prince George's County superintendent of schools, assured a packed city council chamber Tuesday night in reference to the rumored merger of students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and Duval High School. Metts stated that all high schools must meet the quality of ERHS as students move back to neighborhood schools.

She assured the audience that she was there to listen to their comments, and "I'm hearing you loud and clear," she said in response to their wishes to keep ERHS intact. She added that she would be having additional meetings with students, staff, parents and the community.

City Holds Public Hearing On USDA Wetlands Suit

On Wednesday, March 22, at 8 p.m. the City of Greenbelt will hold a public information meeting on the status of the city's environmental litigation against United States Department of Agriculture and the Army Corps of Engineers. Representatives from the city's consultants, Greenhorne and O'Mara and Environmental Systems Analysis along with the city's attorney in the case, Lawrence R. Lieberman of Linowes and Blocher, LLP, will describe their findings and be available to answer questions.

In December, 1999 the judge granted USDA's request to reconsider its planned modification of MD 201 and Sunnyside Ave. intersection under the National Environmental Policy Act. (NEPA). The essence of the city's suit is that USDA illegally segmented road modifications related to the USDA's Beltsville Office complex into smaller components in order to avoid cumulative analysis of the environmental consequences of the entirety of related road projects in violation of federal law. The city asserted that widening of MD 201 will inevitably lead to the widening of Sunnyside Ave east of the tracks including replacement of the Indian Creek Bridge and both projects could permanently destroy up to four and one half (4.5) acres of Wetlands of Special State Concern known as the Beltsville Bottomland Forest.

The City's environmental and traffic experts have been analyzing

the environmental, traffic and safety aspects of the proposed road modifications. The city has demanded that USDA prepare a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under NEPA on the cumulative effects of these related road projects. USDA has not indicated whether it will do a full EIS to analyze direct, indirect and cumulative effects. The city's analysis and findings will be submitted to USDA and the Corps next week prior to the public meeting as part of its renewed demand for an EIS. This analysis will demonstrate that (1) if USDA widens MD 201 as proposed, Sunnyside Ave east of the tracks will also have to be widened to four lanes and the bridge replaced. Otherwise there will be severe traffic and safety problems due to the lack of sufficient storage distance and the potential that vehicles will be backed onto the tracks, creating safety concerns. Thus, there is a linkage between the MD 201 project and the need to also widen Sunnyside Ave and replace the bridge, and (2) the permanent destruction of Beltsville Bottomland Forest Wetlands from these projects will have a severe impact on the entire ecosystem and it will be very difficult to locate a suitable mitigation site in the watershed to compensate for such permanent impacts. Various environmental groups, including the Audubon Naturalist Society and the Anacostia Watershed Society, have supported the city's demand for an EIS.

New Hours

As of March 1, 2000 the office is no longer open Monday nights.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 2-4 p.m.
Tuesday: 2-4, 8-10 p.m.

What Goes On

Fri., Mar. 17, 1 - 3:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Ice Cream Social, Community Center

Mon., Mar. 20, 7:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Community Center

8 p.m. Cities of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park meet on Metro Development, Municipal Building

Tue., Mar. 21, 7:30 p.m. GATE Meeting, Community Center

Wed., Mar. 22, 8 p.m. Public Meeting re: USDA lawsuit, Municipal Building

8 p.m. Special Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

Thur., Mar. 23, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

Letters

Thanks

Heartfelt thanks to the Rescue Squad and to all who offered assistance on Saturday, March 4 when I fell on Hillside Road and broke my wrist.

Joseph and Josephine Vella

Winter Programs At Patuxent

All programs are free, but require advance registration. Registration is conducted Tuesday-Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. by calling 301-497-5887. Please advise the facility of any special needs. For program listings, visit website: patuxent.fws.gov which also lists upcoming events.

North Tract

The following programs are held at the North Tract which is located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32 in Laurel.

Night Hike — Saturday, March 25, 7-8:30 p.m., ages 8 and older with adult. Discover the creatures that are active at night on this guided walk.

Bird Walk — Sunday, March 26, 7-10 a.m., ages 16+. Learn to identify birds on this guided walk. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

Metamorphosis — Friday, March 31, 10:30-11:30 a.m., ages 5-7. Investigate the life cycles of several organisms that spend part of their life in an aquatic environment.

Bird Tour—Sunday, March 5, 7-10 a.m., ages 16 and older. Identify early spring birds on this guided van tour. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

Fractured Habitat—Friday, March 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m., ages 8+. Discover some of the issues birds are facing due to forest fragmentation.

Forest Discovery Hike—Saturday, March 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m., ages 8+. Investigate the layers of the forest and discover the role each plays in the forest ecosystem.

Visitor Center

The National Wildlife Visitor Center, which is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197 in Laurel will hold the

Lions Seek Members, Help Medically Needy

Greenbelt Lions Club is a service club dedicated to helping the less fortunate in the community, especially those who need but cannot afford such items as eye glasses and hearing aids. Among other aims and objectives, the club furnishes glasses, hearing aids, and other medical equipment to area residents who are deemed medically indigent or needy.

People needing such help are invited to write to the club or contact any local Lions member to state their problem and the equipment or assistance that is needed. Letters to the Greenbelt Lions Club should be sent to P. O. Box 677, Greenbelt, MD 20768; the telephone number is 301-614-8731. Requests are reviewed by the club's board of directors and a prompt answer given the applicant.

The club also welcomes adults who are interested in joining or assisting the Lions in club activities and other endeavors. Again, contact should be made to the club address above or to any club member. The Greenbelt Lions Club meets every second and fourth Monday at 6:44 p.m. at the Best Western Motel at Berwyn Road and Route 1, in Berwyn. The club's King Lion is currently Roland Goodloe; its publicity director is Emory A. Harman.



following classes.

Colors of Life — Sunday, March 19, 1-2 p.m., and 3-4 p.m., ages 8+. Investigate the coloration of animals and discover why they have their colors.

Hunters of the Night — Monday, March 20, 4-5 p.m., ages 8+. Discover owls' adaptations to their environment.

Basics of Birding — Two-part program, Wednesday, March 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m., continuing Saturday, March 25, 8:15-10:30 a.m., ages 16+. Discussion and walk focusing on bird identification, habitats, and equipment.

Where Wild Things Live — Sunday, March 26, 1:30-2 p.m., all ages. Discover the exciting things that occur in the wild during spring through a puppet presentation.

The Census Is Vital

Residents will be receiving a Census 2000 questionnaire any day now, and are reminded that Census information is vital for many government functions. The distribution of government funds, apportionment of congressional seats, and creation of legislative and school seats are decisions which rely on census findings.

The Greenbelt Library is providing space in its Tutorial Room for a Census Questionnaire Assistance Center. A representative of the Census Bureau is available during the following hours to answer questions or assist with forms: Mon. and Wed., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tues. and Thurs., 2-5 p.m.; Fri., noon-3 p.m.; and Sat., 1-4 p.m.

A few interesting facts:

— It is estimated that 275 million residents will be counted in Census 2000.

— Census forms are available in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog and English.

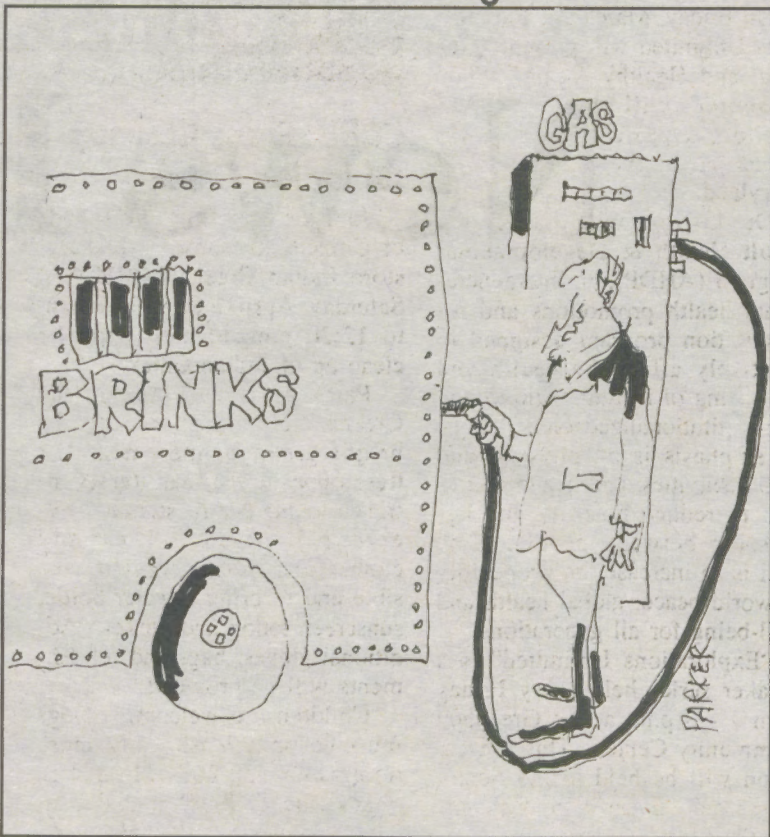
— Since 1970, the mail back response rate has been declining, from 75% of questionnaires returned by mail in 1970, to a 65% return rate in 1990. In Greenbelt, the 1990 mail back response rate was 68%.

Grad Night Needs Prizes, Gifts

Each year the parents of the grad night committee at Roosevelt work with the community in ongoing fund-raisers to finance this event. Grad night is part of a growing trend in schools across the nation to provide a safe alternative to what has become for many communities a tradition of dangerous drinking, taking drugs, and driving tragedies. An estimated 700 graduates for the year 2000 may participate in this event. The goal is to raise \$20,000 to cover the cost of food, dancing, carnival games, sports, and many other activities.

The activities planned for this special evening have to be exciting and interesting enough so high school graduates would want to attend. To accomplish this the support of the entire community is needed. Donation items or gift certificates to offer prizes are needed. Please send contributions to Verna Leiner, Grad Night 2000, P.O. Box 266, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0266.

The Old Curmudgeon



"I hope I have enough money to fill 'er up!"

WSSC Holds Public Hearing

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) will hold a public hearing on proposed new Standard Procedures governing the levy and collection of its System Development Charge (SDC). The changes would include clarifying the distinction between apartment units and residential buildings, and establishing 30 months as the deadline by which all SDC credits must be used. The new procedures would also define the partial exemptions for "biotech" and "elderly housing."

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 22, in the WSSC auditorium, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel. For more information or copies of the proposed new SDC procedures, contact the Customer Services Division at 301-206-8840.

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Mon. - Thurs. 7:30

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Explore Elder Health

On Friday, March 24, Explorations Unlimited will present "Optimal and Healthy Aging." The presenter will be Dr. Dan Leviton, a professor of Health Education at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Leviton will discuss the Adult Health & Developmental Program (AHDP), an intergenerational health promotions and rehabilitation program designed to positively affect the health and well-being of institutionalized and non-institutionalized older adults. Its emphasis is on physical and social activities, and health education to reduce hostility and aggression between people. The goal is to increase the probability of world peace, global health and well-being for all generations.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. For further information call 301-397-2208.

Photo Exhibit Set To Begin March 17

Sponsored by the Recreation Department, a photography exhibit entitled "Favorite Works, Favorite Friends" will be on display in the Community Center Gallery from March 17 through April 26, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Visitors are asked to call 301-397-2208 before visiting.

The public is also invited to attend a reception for the artists on Saturday, April 1, from 1 - 3 p.m. Featured will be works of Greenbelt Photo Club, Goddard Photo Club and University of MD Photo Outreach Program members.

FOGL Meets

Friends of the Greenbelt Library (FOGL) will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, on the library's lower level. All are welcome to attend.

City Notes

The horticulture crew continued installation of the irrigation system around the Community Center, spread gypsum on grassy areas to repair damage from road salt and transplanted plugs and seeds in the greenhouse for spring and summer landscaping.

The streets crew continued work on the storage area behind the warehouse, making forms and pouring concrete and repaired potholes throughout the city.

Community Events

CCRIC Plans Cleanup Of Indian Creek

Join the members and friends of Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) on Saturday, April 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to help with the clean-up of Indian Creek.

Participants will meet at the Greenbelt Metro station under the bright green banner, near the trees opposite the main (east) entrance to the Metro station. Everyone is urged to wear old clothes and rubber boots if possible and to bring a water bottle, sunscreen lotion and gloves. Additional gloves, bags and refreshments will be provided.

Children are welcome. Dogs must be on a leash. For more information call 301-441-3844 or check the CCRIC website at www.greenbelt.com/civic/ccric.

Gray Panthers Host Speaker on March 18

Blane K. Dessy, executive director of the National Library of Education, will be the speaker at the Gray Panthers meeting on Saturday, March 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt police station. Dessy will explain the role of the federal government in support of local school systems. His career has focused on customer service and the improvement of government effectiveness and efficiency.

Light refreshments will be served. The Gray Panthers welcome all who are interested in learning more about the subject or the sponsoring organization. For more information, call Janet Jacobs-Parker at 301-474-6668.

Requests for Studios Now Being Accepted

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is accepting applications from visual artists, artisans, and designers interested in obtaining studio space at the Community Center. Artists actively working in any medium are welcome to apply, provided they are residents of Prince George's County.

A panel of arts professionals will review all applications. Studio space will be awarded based on the merit of the artist's work and the applicant's interest in creative community involvement. Greenbelt residents will receive preference during the selection process.

Applications are due by April 20 and studios will be available

"Giving Back Paks" Available in Safeway

"Giving Back Paks" now for sale in the Greenway Center Safeway for \$1.99 are filled with donated products to appeal to children. Proceeds will benefit the Easter Seals organization's services, Safeway store manager Joe Vangaasbeck told the News Review.

Easter Seals programs and services include: early education and child care; home and community-based occupational, physical, cognitive, speech/language and vision therapy; adult and senior day care; support groups; health screenings; advocacy; community recreation and camping programs.

Open House Planned By Nursery School

On Sunday, March 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mishkan Torah Nursery School, 10 Ridge Road, will hold an Open House during the Purim Carnival. The curriculum encourages emotional, social, cognitive and physical development, creativity and positive self-esteem.

The program includes art, music, stories, dance, drama, science and nature, food experience, and nutritious snacks. Jewish holidays are celebrated with song, food and dance. Children of all backgrounds are welcome and their diversity respected. Lunch Bunch is available. Mishkan Torah Nursery School is accredited by the Maryland State Board of Education.

Families are invited to the March 19 open house for fun and refreshments, or parents may call and drop by with their child on a school day. Registration for fall 2000 is now in progress for two, three, and four year olds.

For information call Bonnie Korr, director, at 301-474-4224 or 301-277-8615.

July 1. An average studio space is 245 square feet. Artists may apply singly or jointly for a studio.

Applications and brochures about the Artist in Residence programs and fees are available at the Community Center, located at 15 Crescent Road. For additional information or to have these materials mailed, call Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, at 301-474-8000.

Intergenerational 'Dancercise' Offered

On Friday, March 24, the Community Center will host its first intergenerational Dancercise event. Certified fitness professional Tomica Carter, who will lead the event, is a fitness expert who specializes in youth and senior fitness.

Dancercise is a growing art that combines the freedom and creativity of freestyle dance with the movements and actions of an exercise program. This structured but unrestricted program will have individuals dancing to music, past and present, while enjoying the benefits of physical activity and a social atmosphere.

The program will be held from 10 - 11:30 a.m. in the dance studio at the Community Center. For further information call Sohael Abidi at 301-397-2208.

"Reading Ranger" Set For Greenbelt Park

Reading Ranger Program, a children's reading program, will be featured at Greenbelt Park. Children in elementary and middle schools are welcome. The parents or guardians must be present during the story reading program. Meet at the Ranger Station near the Greenbelt Park campground on Saturday, March 25, at 10 a.m. For directions or information, call 301-344-3944.

Recreation Review

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is currently accepting permit applications for picnic facilities from Greenbelt residents only. Sites available include Schrom Hills Park picnic pavilion and the group picnic area at Buddy Attick Lake Park. Permits are required for groups of 15 or more and can accommodate a maximum of 70 people.

For additional information and availability, please contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at 301-397-2200.

At the Library

Tuesday, March 21, 7 p.m., P.J. Storytime for ages 4 - 6.

7 p.m., Babysitting Workshop for ages 12 - 19. Registration required (call 301-345-5800).

Thursday, March 23, 10:15 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 - 5.

11:15 a.m., Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

La Leche League Meets Tuesday

The LaLeche League of Greenbelt will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. The topic of the meeting is "Why Breast Is Best." Pregnant and breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend. Babies are welcome. For more information call Mary at 301-345-4589.

Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

At the March 8 meeting President Bill Souser made forms available to members to reduce annoying telephone solicitors' calls.

The Golden Agers' anniversary luncheon will be held at E. J. Landing's Restaurant in College Park, on April 19 at 11:30 a.m. There is a cost. If transportation is needed contact a program committee member.

The Travel Committee invites travelers to experience the beauty and tranquility of Nova Scotia. To join the trip September 8-16, call John Taylor at 301-345-1608 or Shirleyann Egenreider at 301-345-1974 for more information. An initial deposit is needed by April 12; non-members are welcomed.

The March 8 speaker was Lisa Nelson, director of Hearing Professionals, Laurel. Nelson received her master of science degree from Gallaudet University. She gave an informative talk on hearing problems and answered many questions from members.

Mishkan Torah Nursery School

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD

Open House

Sunday, March 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fun and Refreshments

Registration for fall 2000 now open

for 2, 3 and 4 year olds

We welcome children of all backgrounds.

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Singing Ensemble

March 17, 2000

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Community Center Gym



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Monday & Tuesday, March 20 & 21

5:30 p.m. - "Dr. Magic Episode 8"

6:00 p.m. - "Earth Cafe"

6:30 p.m. - "The Audrey Scott Show"

7:00 p.m. - "The Greenbelt Police Bike Patrol"

Tuesday, March 21 - Same as Monday

Wednesday, March 22- 8pm "Public Meeting on USDA Suit"

PUBLIC ACCESS-GATE-301-507-6581

Thursday & Friday, March 23 & 24

7:00 p.m. - "Web Review"

7:30 p.m. - "Greenbelt in Focus"

8:00 p.m. - "Public Safety"

Greenbelt Arts Center

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The Music Man

by Meredith Willson

Fridays & Saturdays
March 24 - April 15, 8 pm

Sunday matinees
April 2 & April 9, 2 pm

Tickets \$12 general admission,
\$10 students and seniors
For more information and reservations,
call 301-441-8770

A Farewell

I would like to respond to the "In Memoriam William Bingham" that appeared in the March 9, 2000, edition of the Greenbelt News Review.

On March 18, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department will be holding its annual banquet. I wrote a dedication to William Bingham "Skip" that will be appearing in the program. Belatedly, I would like to share that dedication with readers and friends in Greenbelt. For I, too, was a friend of Skip's for many, many years.

Kathy Reynolds

Dedication

On April 14, 1968, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department had a new member on the rolls! This new member, in all actuality, could have been cast as a rebel-rouser, called very outspoken, unbelievable, outlandish, and down-right, outright a "red neck." But to most of us, he was better known as "Skip," instead of his given name of William R. Bingham.

His intelligent leadership ability enabled him to serve as captain (1970) and assistant chief (1976, 1977 and 1981). In 1985, Skip held the office of vice president and trustee of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department.

Skip also held the highest office in the Prince George's County Fire Association. In 1979-80, Skip was president of the association.

One of the most challenging roles Skip undertook in 1982 and 1983 was coaching 15 women from the ladies auxiliary to become champions.

Heart to Heart

A support group for individuals coping with heart disease is being offered by Washington Adventist Hospital, 7600 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park. The group will meet on Thursday, March 23 at 2 p.m. For information call 1-800-542-5096.

During Prince George's County fire conventions, there are competitions where company vs. company contests are held. In 1982, the Greenbelt Ladies Auxiliary won five contests. The most prestigious award given was the Sportsmanship Award — the Greenbelt ladies won that, too! How proud Skip was of his "ladies," also known as "The Hose Hustlers," he just busted with pride. The hard work, sweat, and long hours really paid off. Skip not only yelled a lot but he gave us encouragement, confidence, and a lot of "attaboys." We were proud and honored to call him Coach.

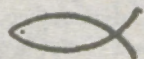
On January 21, 2000, members and friends of the GVFD lost a true hero. Skip fought a long, tough battle with courage, dignity, and determination. He gave his all, at all times. His honesty, his tell-it-like-it-is style, devotion and dedication to his family, friends and Company 35 will be his legacy.

Those of us who were honored to be called his friends will never, ever forget him. Skip was truly one of a kind, one in a million. Skip signified what the words friend, firefighter, leader, and coach really mean. A hero's farewell to our "Skip."

OBITUARY

Stanley L. Burt

Stanley L. Burt, age 79, of Green Ridge House, died on Wednesday, March 15, 2000. Friends may visit with the family at Gasch's Funeral Home on Friday, March 17, from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Religious services will be held at Gasch's on Saturday, March 18, at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery at 11 a.m. Donations of sympathy can be made to Prince George's County Hospice.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Municipal Building Sundays 10 A.M.



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Episcopal/Anglican

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<http://members.aol.com/stgeogd/>

Sunday Services

9 am Folk Service (Interpreted for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing)
10 am Education for all ages
11 am Sung Service

Mum Fever Is Topic Of Garden Club Talk

Former Greenbelter Dr. Robert Howell will encourage garden club members to "Catch Chrysanthemum Fever: The Healthy Kind to Have," at the March 22 meeting of the Beltsville Garden Club. The slide-illustrated talk will include a discussion of mum culture and available cultivars. This talk was originally scheduled for January but was canceled due to snow.

Paint Branch Unitarian

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March 19, 2000 - 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

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by Barbara Wells and
Jaco B. ten Hove
Co-Ministers



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"Women and men have been and will always be equal in the sight of God. The Dawning-Place of the Light of God sheddeth its radiance upon all with the same effulgence. Verily God created women for men, and men for women. The most beloved of people before God are the most steadfast and those who have surpassed others in their love for God, exalted be His glory."

-Baha'i Sacred Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
P.O. Box 245

Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-345-2918 301-220-3160

Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the World Wide Web at <http://www.bahai.org/>

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor

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10:00 A.M.

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Lenten Services

Join us every Wednesday evening

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March 15

March 22

March 29

April 5

April 12

April 19

We start with a light supper...

and then

Join in the experience and ministry of Christ on the Cross

P.S. Give us a call if you need a ride!!!



Alonzo Williams, building supervisor, Springhill Lake Elementary School ACE Award winner, surrounded by Kathy Brady, teacher, Principal Linda Sherwood and Vice Principal Jan Reed.

- photo by Mary Moien

Williams Wins Educators Award

by Nelda Young

If something needs to be fixed at Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHL), their Building Supervisor, Alonzo Williams, is the man. In fact, the faculty is so impressed by Williams that they nominated him to receive the 2000 Advisory Committee on Education Educators Award.

SHL Principal Linda Sherwood praises Williams as "somebody special. He's always here when I need him."

Vice Principal Jan Reed says, "Mr. Williams takes esthetic pride in his work. When the water fountain breaks, he voluntarily makes the needed repair himself. On recent snow days Mr. Williams actually kept the walks at the school CLEAR. He plants flowers and keeps the school property beautiful, not just ser-

viceable."

Science teacher Susan Riffe admires Williams' pleasant smile and his ability to keep his staff motivated.

When his work day ends, Williams does not stop; he is involved in the social life of the school. He has played baseball on the faculty team. Currently he runs a beautification club for fifth graders on Friday afternoons. Their activities are not limited to planting and tending flowers but include collecting trash and caring for the building by sweeping, replacing light bulbs, and performing other needed tasks.

Alonzo Williams is liked and appreciated by the staff at Springhill Lake Elementary School. They are taking the opportunity of the Educators Award to say thank you publicly.

Camp Superkid Needs Many Volunteers

Volunteers are sought as residential counselors and medical background assistants at Camp Superkids, an overnight camp for asthmatic children 7-12 to be held June 17 through 23. The camp is sponsored by the American Lung Association.

The site is located in Laytonsville (Montgomery County) where counselors will be provided with meals and air-conditioned accommodations.

Also needed in daytime are lifeguards and activity instructors. For more information, call Ava Barbry-Crawford at 410-560-2120, ext. 224 or 800-492-7527.

Roosevelt in Top Two In Sallie Mae Cup

Eleanor Roosevelt High School is number two among the Washington, D.C. area high schools vying for the Sallie Mae Cup, the inaugural scholarship competition rewarding outstanding academic and athletic excellence. The Raiders quest for success on the athletic field combined with their diligence in the classroom, has propelled them to the top ranking among Maryland area schools in the program.

The Sallie Mae Cup is a new athletic and academic competition for area high schools provided as community outreach by the Sallie Mae Corporation, the nation's leading private source of educational funding. Throughout the 1999-2000 school year, local high schools will compete for \$40,000 in scholarship money and an engraved Sallie Mae Cup. \$25,000 will be presented to the general scholarship fund of the winning high school; the three runners-up

National Principals' Hotline on Kids

On March 19, 20, and 21, the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) will hold its 11th annual National Principals' Hotline, a service dedicated to answering parents' questions about schools, children, and education.

Approximately 150 school principals will staff a bank of phones and computer terminals. Their purpose is to ease difficulties and encourage constructive communication between schools and families. Parents who are curious, troubled, or simply need some reassurance regarding their child's education may speak confidentially with a principal or get specialized advice from a school psychologist from the National Association of School Psychologists.

Call toll-free 1-800-944-1601 or visit the Website www.naesp.org during the following days and times: March 19, 2 - 8 p.m., March 20, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., and March 21, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Note: email can be sent beginning Saturday, March 18.)

Callers may also request a free copy of What Parents Should Look for in their Child's Elementary School.

will each receive \$5,000 in scholarship money.

The rankings are determined by a scoring system that awards points based on student grades and athletic performance throughout the year. The point system is weighted, with 60 percent of a school's total based on academic performance, and 40 percent on athletic performance. Sallie Mae Cup scholarship winners will be announced at the end of the 1999-2000 school year.

Nursery, Kindergarten Open House Held Here

by Altoria Bell Ross

Seventeen-month-old Alia Jackson chatted on the telephone during it. Four-year-old Joon Lee played with dinosaurs during it, and four-year-olds Maia Rosenberg and Paul Hazan prepared a sumptuous meal during it. "It" was the open house at the Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten held February 26.

"We had lots of good traffic," said Administrator Leslie McLaughlin, who said 10 parents completed applications for the school and another 20 took them home.

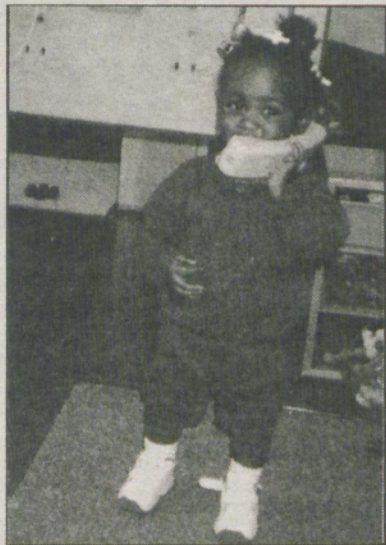
Alia's mother, Laura Jackson of Lanham, said she heard about the open house from her friend, Jackie Foster of Greenbelt. "I definitely like what I've seen," said Jackson, as she looked around the brightly decorated room. Jackson is considering sending Alia to the two-day class, and Foster said she is looking into the three-day class for her three-year-old daughter, Jeanell.

Joon's mother learned of the school when she passed the classrooms on the way to her six-year-old daughter's ballet class in the Community Center. She later looked up the school in the yellow pages. She plans to sign up Joon for the five-day class and his 18-month-old brother Jay for the two-day class.

Nearby Duane Rosenberg of

Berwyn Heights and his daughter Mia "cooked up" vittles on the stove with Paul, who is a student in the five-day program, while Joon said, "I don't want to go," as his mother prompted him to leave.

And for those who did not get a chance to go, the school is still making appointments to observe the classes and taking applications for children ages 2 - 6 at 15 Crescent Road, 301-474-5570.



Seventeen-month old Alia Jackson chatted on the telephone during the open house at the Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten held February 26. photos by Altoria Bell Ross



Four-year-old Joon Lee played in birdseed in the kindergarten class during the Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten open house.



The Recycling Bin

Dear Lorax, I Live in a GHI home where every bit of outdoor space is valuable. Is there a way I can compost food debris without having an unsightly pile of food remnants or a clunky container? - Happy on Hillside

Dear Happy, There is an easy and worm-pleasing solution. It's called "trench composting". If you have a flower or vegetable garden or decorative plantings, just keep a container on your kitchen counter to hold non-animal based food scraps and discards. When it is full, bury it in your garden in a trench that snakes in and out among the plants. The Worms and creatures of the soil will love it, and in turn your plants will get a wonderful meal of nutrients, too. The material that you bury will become plant food in about six month. Remember, using a garbage disposal is just flushing plant nutrients away, and these same nutrients must be removed at water treatment plants before the water can be released into our rivers.

Dear Lorax, Everyone seems to be getting rich except for me. I have been considering using my small savings account to make "day trades" on the stock market. My neighbors have just gotten a new car, and my brother-in-law is building an addition to his house. What can I do to catch up fast? -Last Place on Lastner

Dear Last Place, The beauty of spring will be will be with us shortly. Enjoy the blooming, buzzing and bird songs of the new season, and worry about making money in July when it is hot and muggy.

Mail your recycling questions, comments etc. to The Lorax, c/o Mike Clem, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or visit www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Boarman's Departure Not a Certainty Yet

by Mary Moien

The departure of Dr. Gerald Boarman, principal, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, is not a certainty yet. The Washington Post reported on March 8 that Boarman is slated to become executive director of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Durham. He is eligible for retirement from the Prince George's County school system.

As of this week, Boarman states "I have not signed a contract to date and I won't actually announce my departure until or if I do."

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Armed Robbery

CVS Pharmacy in the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road, Mar. 7, 1:06 a.m., two men entered the store. One asked an employee about getting a job at the store. He then displayed a small black handgun and ordered the employee to the office. The robber took money from the safe and he and his companion fled the scene in an unknown direction. As a result of investigation by the Greenbelt Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit, an arrest warrant was obtained Mar. 9 charging a 20-year-old male of no fixed address with armed robbery, burglary, and assault. The warrant was turned over to the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department for service.

Sexual Assault

6100 block of Breezewood Drive, Mar. 9, 10:48 p.m., a female was walking to her home when she was approached by four men, 17 to 20 years of age, who forced her to the ground between two apartment buildings. One of them sexually assaulted her and then fled the scene on foot in an unknown direction.

Assault

7300 block of Sunrise Court, Mar. 3, 3:15 p.m., a 23-year-old

female resident was arrested and charged with assault after officers responding to a report of a domestic argument discovered that the victim, a 29-year-old male, had been stabbed by her during a verbal altercation. The woman was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Driving While Intoxicated

Area of Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive, Mar. 4, 2:13 a.m., a 40-year-old female resident was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, driving under the influence, and fleeing and eluding after being stopped for a traffic violation. She was released on citation pending trial.

Unattended Children

Roosevelt Center, Mar. 6, 8:37 p.m., a 23-year-old female nonresident was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle after she left a one-year-old in a vehicle alone. She was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

Beltway Plaza Mall, Mar. 3, 5:14 p.m. a donation box was taken.

6400 block of Ivy Lane, Mar. 8, 1:15 p.m., three unattended laptop computers were taken from an office suite.

Citizen Complaint Produces Some Police Action

by Judith Ransom Bell

Ever wonder what happens after a complaint is made to the police department? A recent example from Greenbelt East illustrates the evolution of police action.

At the Greenbriar Condominium Phase III board meeting in January, a resident of Mandan Road reported drug activity and weapons issues involving young men who hang out behind his building. He also complained about the lack of police response.

In a follow-up memo to Police Chief James Craze, Lt. Thomas Kemp, Patrol Division Commander, reported that he responded to the complaint and then spoke with the resident on February 1, in which a "frank and open discussion of the problem" took place. Kemp outlined various options and actions to be taken including research of past criminal activity in the problem area, its identification as a special area check location, and the scheduling of a meeting on February 2 with all four patrol squad sergeants/shift supervisors to review the problem.

Kemp added that he learned the resident's complaints were mainly related to the fact that he did not actually see officers in the area after he called and that they never came to speak to him, although he did not specifically request to speak with an officer. Kemp scheduled a meeting with the resident on February 7.

Action Plan

When that meeting took place, Kemp was accompanied by the on-duty assistant shift

supervisor. They were joined later by the resident's wife, at which time the group walked over and surveyed the problem activity area. Kemp then developed an action plan containing three recommendations: 1) coordinate patrol units to make an effective approach to the problem area to defeat detection by the suspects and any lookouts they may have posted; 2) work closely with a new security company employed by Greenbriar and Greenbriar Management under the agents of owners policy in enforcing trespass laws; 3) work with management to introduce physical security improvements to the area, including needed lighting to the area in question and installing a lock on the back door of the resident's building. Kemp later followed up with the patrol supervisors and feels that a more coordinated, informed approach to the situation is now being taken. He also spoke about the situation to beat officers and the resident officer of neighboring Glen Oaks and stressed the need to focus attention on the problem area.

Kemp researched the daily log over the past month and noticed no notable calls for service or officer-initiated activity with the problem area. Kemp spoke with a representative of Condominium Venture, Inc., an agent for Greenbriar Condominium Phase III. This was followed by a voice mail comment from the president of the residents association, indicating the recommended light may be put up in about two weeks.



Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts

Registration forms for GAVA classes are available at the Community Center's main office. For more information about ceramic classes please call Jessica Gitlis at 301-441-3859. For more information about other GAVA programs call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192.

Art Programs for Children Pre-School to 16

Class	Day/Time/Location/Fee	Description
Saturday Ceramics I for Ages 8-10	Sa/10-11am/Ceramic Studio R:\$35; NR: \$40	5/6-6/17/6 wks. Children learn a variety of hand building and decorating techniques for creating clay sculpture and pottery. Instructor: Gladys Hann-O'Neill
Saturday Ceramics II for Ages 5-8	Sa/11:15-12:15pm/Ceramic Studio R:\$35;NR:\$40	5/6-6/17/6 wks. Children learn a variety of hand building and decorating techniques for creating clay sculpture and pottery. Instructor: Gladys Hann-O'Neill
Pottery Ages 11+	Sa/3-5pm/Ceramic Studio R:\$57;NR:\$62	5/6-6/17/6 wks. Introductory course in ceramic hand building and use of the potter's wheel. Students with previous experience will be encouraged to master their skills. Includes open studio time on Friday afternoons. Instructor: Ann Potter & Jill Parsons St. John
Ceramic Open Studio for Ages 11-16	F/4:30-7pm/Cer. Stu./Free for current students in Pottery for 11+. Drop-in fee: \$4 per day or \$20 for 6 week session payable before 5/12/ Registration is required.	5/12-6/16/6 wks. An open studio for students currently enrolled in Pottery for 11+ or who have had previous experience in a ceramic program. Participants work independently. An adult supervisor will be present.
Comic Book Ages 8-10	F/4:30-5:30pm/Children's Art Room R:\$50; NR: \$60	4/28-6/16/8 wks. Create your own comic book with George Kochell.
Teen Comic Book Ages 11-16	F/5:45-7:15pm/Children's Art Rm R:\$75; NR:\$80	4/28-6/16/8 wks. Create your own comic book with George Kochell.
Animation Ages 10-16	M/4:45-6:45pm/Children's Art Rm R: \$95; NR:\$105	4/24-6/12 & 6/13/8 wks. Create an animated video using computer animation with George Kochell & GATE (Greenbelt Access TV)
Painting & Printmaking for Ages 5-9	Sa/10-11am/Children's Art Rm R: \$33; NR: \$43	4/29-6/10/6 wks. Explore a variety of materials and techniques. Instructor: Barbara Simon
Painting for Ages 10-16	Sa/1-2:30 pm/ Children's Art Rm R: \$55; NR: \$65	4/29-6/10/6 wks. Explore painting through drawing, composition and color using a variety of materials. Instructor: Suzanne Koch
Homeschoolers Art Class for Ages 5-16	M/1-3:15pm/Children's Art Rm & Ceramic Stu. R:\$58, NR: \$68 Siblings:R:\$35;NR:\$45	4/24-6/5/6 wks. Explore a variety of techniques using clay, paint and print-making materials. Instructors: Barbara Simon, Gladys Hann-O'Neill
Family Basket-making Workshops for Children Ages 8-12 and Parents/caregivers	S/3-4:30pm/Children's Art Rm/R:\$23 NR:\$33. Fee is for 1 workshop for 1 parent or caregiver & 1 child. Additional children add R:\$8;NR:\$13	4/30,5/7 & 5/21. Take home a different basket at each workshop! Instructor: Teddy Primack. For all 3 workshops: R:\$60; NR:\$90. To receive this price, registration for all 3 workshops must be made prior to 1st session.
After-School Drop-In Art for Ages 6-12	T/W/3-6pm/Children's Art Rm and Ceramics Stu/\$1.50 per hour	Open studio for kids. No pre-registration required. Runs every week during public school year except when school is closed.
Pre-School Drop-In Art for Ages 3-5	W/9am-12 noon/Children's Art Rm & Cer. Stu. \$1.50 per hour	Drop-in for pre-schoolers accompanied by parents/caregivers. No pre-registration required. Same calendar as After School Drop-in.

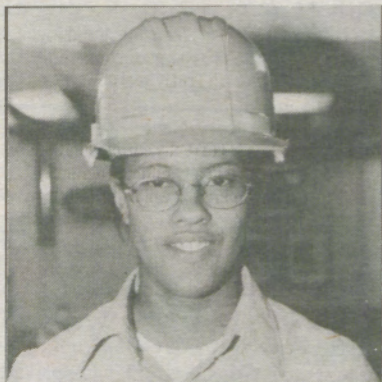
Art Programs for Adults and Teens 16 & Over

Advanced Wheel Technique	Sun.2-5pm/Cer. Stud. R:\$115;NR:\$125	Participants will learn to produce advanced pottery forms and explore a variety of decorating techniques. Instructor TBA
Tile Making	T/7-9pm/Cer. Stu. R:\$115;NR:\$125	5/9-8/1/12 wks. Students learn to use clay, plaster, glazes and a variety of other materials to create ceramic tiles. Instructor : Katie Scott-Childress
Intro to the Wheel:I	T/7-9pm/Cer. Stu./R:\$115; NR:\$125	5/9-8/1/12 wks. Participants learn to use clay, the basic skills for use of the potter's wheel and how to decorate and glaze their own work. Instructor: Gina Mai Denn
Intro to the Wheel:II	W/7-9pm/Cer. Stu./R:\$115; NR:\$125	5/10-7/26/12 wks. Participants learn to use clay, the basic skills for use of the potter's wheel and how to decorate and glaze their work. Instructor: Gina Mai Denn
Inter: Wheel Techniques	Th/7-9pm/Cer. Stu./R:\$115; NR:\$125	5/11-7/27/12 wks. Students experienced at using the potter's wheel will continue to master throwing skills and learn more advanced pottery forms. A variety of surface decorating techniques will be explored. Instructor: Gladys Hann-O'Neill
Introduction to Hand Building Using Slab & Coil	Mon/7-9pm/Cer.Stu./R:\$115;NR:\$125	Clay hand building techniques will be explored and practiced, encouraging participants to create sculpture and pottery forms. Instructor: Gladys Hann-O'Neill
Advanced Hand Building Using Slab & Coil	W/7-9pm/Cer. Stu./R:\$115;NR:\$125	5/10-7/26/12 wks. Students will explore and practice hand building techniques to create advanced pottery and sculptural forms. Advanced decorative techniques will also be introduced. Instructor: Gladys Hann-O'Neill
Ceramic Open Studio	Daily use of ceramic studio/ R:\$55; NR:\$65	5/6-7/29/13 wks. For students and artists with previous experience in a ceramic studio. The studio is open when programs are not in progress for independent use.
Calligraphy	T/7-9pm/Adult Art Rm/R:\$60;NR:\$70	4/25-5/30/6 wks. Covers Italic writing using calligraphy markers, dip pens. Material list available at Comm. Cen. office. Instructor: Itsy Kliman
Introduction to Animation	M/7-9pm/Children's Art Rm/R:\$95; NR:\$105	4/24-6/12&6/13/8 wks. Learn the steps to create an individual animated short with George Kochell & GATE (Greenbelt Access TV)
Stained Glass/Copper Foil	Sa/3-5pm/Adult Art Rm./R:\$60;NR:\$70 \$15 Materials fee	4/29-6/24/8 wks. Learn to cut glass & assemble pieces into stained glass window using copper foil method. Instructor: Richard McMullin
Stained Glass II/Lead	Sa/5-7pm/Adult Art Rm./\$60;NR:\$70 \$15 Materials fee	4/29-6/24/8 wks. Learn to cut glass & assemble pieces into stained glass window using traditional lead cane method. Instructor: Richard McMullin
Appalachian Ribbed Basket-Weaving	Th/6:30-9pm/Adult Art Rm/R:\$125 NR:\$135. Materials fee:\$25	5/4-6/8/6 wks. Beginners make a melon, a potato, & a double-bottomed egg basket. Intermediate students make an herb, a watermelon slice, & a lidded key basket. Instructor: Teddy Primack
Basket-making Workshops	Sa/9-2pm/Adult Art Rm/R:\$125 NR:\$135 per workshop. Materials fee \$25	5-6-20 & 6/3-17 Two workshops, each 3 consecutive Saturday sessions long. New projects each time (classic styles, flat-splint construction, using natural materials, etc.) Call Teddy Primack for dates & details (301) 441-8462
Basket-makers Circle	Su/7-9pm/Adult Art Rm R:\$10;NR:\$15	4/30-6/18/8 wks. For advanced basketmakers. Call Teddy Primack for details (301) 441-8462
Saturday Night Crafts	Sa/7-11pm/Children's Art Rm R:\$25; NR:\$30 per class	4/8: Hand decorated picture frames & mats 5/13: creative scrapbooking & notecards. All supplies provided. Details at CC office. Instr: Nancy DePlatchett
Open Studio	Adult Art Room	4/24-6/17/8 wks. Studio space available for independent work when classes not in session. Details at Community Center office.

Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the deaths of Stanley L. Burt of Green Ridge House.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Leslie T. Scruggs, who works aboard the flagship USS Coronado (AGF-11), lives near San Diego, where the ship docks. She is the daughter of Felton and Louise Scruggs of Greenbelt and is one of the 51,900 women on active duty in the Navy. (Women comprise 13.7 percent of the Navy's active duty force.) "Women can succeed in whatever they put their minds to,"



Leslie T. Scruggs

says Scruggs, a 1998 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. A crew member on the Coronado, the 20-year-old Scruggs works as a seaman, maintaining and preserving the ship's surfaces and deck equipment, standing lookout watches, and steering the ship. She is a four-year Navy veteran.

Congratulations to Edward Lartey of Weichert Realtors' Greenbelt office who recently completed the company's Fast Track program.

Get well wishes to Irene Hensel, who is recuperating at Independence Court of Hyattsville, 5821 Queen's Chapel Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Irene would love to have notes and calls from her many friends. She is in Room 220, phone 301-985-4920.

GEAC

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sake of pedestrians. "The first objective is to have a continuous pedestrian system from north to south...and we almost have that," Mayor Davis said.

Speed Bumps

Craze added that there needs to be "a sequence of devices" that are related to the corridor study. Charlene MacAdams, GEAC treasurer, suggested that she would like to have speed bumps considered for improving the car speeds on Hanover Parkway. "If we can find a speed bump that maintains 35 m.p.h., then it will be a consideration," Craze said.

According to Craze, no decision has yet been made concerning a bicycle lane on Hanover Parkway. A study is currently being conducted, she said.

The next scheduled meeting for GEAC will take place on April 6 at Windsor Green. Mayor Davis and four city councilmembers will be in attendance to discuss final proposals for the gateway and corridor project for Hanover Parkway.

Black Engineers Unveil New Web Site

In the near future, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) will be unveiling its new web site, featuring pictures and descriptions of club events.

The NSBE is an organization designed to provide experience in technology and opportunities in general to black engineers and the rest of the African American community. Members are involved in engineering related contests and events, as well as in activities such as workshops, the development of professional resumes for college and jobs, and other experiences to prepare for the real world after high school. While NSBE was originally created for African Americans, anyone interested is welcome to become a member.

The Roosevelt chapter meets at the school on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Room 236A. The president is Tochi L. Iheagwara and the sponsor is Darrell Hay.



In a little deep, huh? The harder I try, the stucker I get. The back hoe did finally emerge last week from the muck in the forebay to Greenbelt Lake. The project, funded by a matching grant from the Maryland Department of the Environment, is part of the Small Creeks and Estuaries Restoration Program. The forebay is a major cleaning area for run off water coming into the lake. It serves as a filtering device by trapping and storing sediment which must be removed every seven to 10 years.

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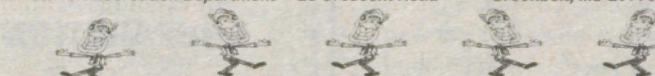
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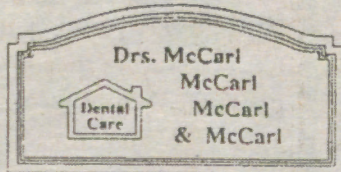
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The 7th Maryland Regiment Volunteer Infantry, a Union reenactment unit, will be holding a one-day training session to prepare for the 2000 reenactment season. The soldiers will go through traditional drill sessions for Civil War military groups. These drills are taken

from Casey's Rifle and Infantry Tactics, the same historical guide used by commanders in the 1860s who were training their soldiers. Greenbelt resident Jay Henson is a Captain in the 7th Maryland Regiment Volunteer Infantry.

Local residents will be able to see what their ancestors did during the Civil War as well as see historically accurate Civil War uniforms, from the navy wool and brass, to swords, muskets, bayonets and the smoke of gunfire from percussion caps and rounds used during the exercises.

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Dr. Pollack is currently the medical director of the dialysis unit at Doctors Community Hospital. He also has a private practice in Greenbelt.

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The deadline for the semi-
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Greenbelt Metro station property, development of the adjacent A.H. Smith property, determining if the original planned community should become a county historic district, improving bus service, and considering ride sharing proposals. On the latter, Hruby said that consideration is being given to having automobiles the use of which can be shared. The first place where such a vehicle might be located is at Green Ridge House where parking is at a premium. She is also working to bring the planning department into the 21st century by installing a computer graphics system that would record all land use, utility locations and other features of the city.

Nicole De Wald

While Hruby was plain spoken and analytical, much as a planner should be, Nicole De Wald spoke with a flair and enthusiasm for the arts, just the way a person of the arts should be. She came bearing the "good news" that the number of people participating in arts events in Greenbelt each year exceeds the city's population by sevenfold. (Each attendance by each person at each arts event is counted as one participant. The count includes audience participation as well as performance participation.)

She emphasized that she is making efforts to outreach arts to all corners of the community and commended the Greenbelt Concert Band for playing concerts throughout the area and not just at the center. While she finds the 55,000 square foot community center to be an outstanding facility, she plans to utilize other spaces as well, noting exhibits at the Municipal Building and Greenbelt Arts Center, and indicating plans for the New Deal Cafe when it opens. She also plans special programs for the historic Greenbelt movie theater and mentioned the special marquee sign dedication program planned for February 25. One reason she is here is to hook people up with arts programs.

Another project that she is involved with is a meditation/memorial sculpture garden now in progress at the southeast corner of the Community Center. Names to be memorialized would be placed on a plaque inside the building. Two wooden benches, brick edging along the sidewalk and new plantings were installed last fall, the sculpture to be placed in the garden, currently in the Community Center lobby, is by Lenore Thomas Strauss. It was donated to the city by her family. Strauss carved the mother and child statue in Roosevelt Center and the stone reliefs on the front of the community center.

De Wald will also be outreach to the city's schools on arts projects. One outreach program currently being developed by the arts center has school children using puppets.

The city considers it important that she work with private groups as well as with city programs, De Wald told the group. She considered it significant that two of the most important events held in the city are totally run by private groups—the

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Greenbelt Labor Day Festival and the Greenbelt New Year.

Two bills are before the Maryland legislature relating to establishing arts and entertainment districts. De Wald doesn't know what a final bill will say, if one is enacted, but she is following the legislative process with interest to see if there might be any benefit to Greenbelt. She noted that soon she would be meeting with Delegate Joan Pitkin, one of the sponsors of an arts and entertainment bill.

Another effort for expanding the arts is to develop more interactive programs. De Wald says that she has shocked arts groups by asking what they will do in the way of programs that are not exhibits.

A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

The days are longer and the sun higher in the sky now that it is mid-March. Some of the plants are responding with flowers coming into bloom and plants putting forth a bit of greenery. There will still be some cold weather and the soil has yet to warm up enough for true spring-like conditions to come to pass.

The bright yellow forsythia and daffodils are in bloom around the city and to my mind they are the sign that spring will soon arrive. Forsythia is such a useful shrub to have in the garden. Now its bright yellow flowers are a welcome sight. During the rest of the year it makes a good low maintenance addition to the yard as an individual plant or as a hedge.

The witch hazel shrubs put on a nice display earlier this month and last. Some lingered so that they bloomed at the same time as the forsythia, which is unusual. There is a particularly fine row of them near the post office, variety "Arnold's Promise." Their sweet fragrance could be smelled when the wind was just right.

At the base of each of the shrubs are lenten rose plants (*Helleborus orientalis*). This is a reliable perennial that blooms early in the spring. The five petalled flowers come in shades of purple and green.

The earliest daffodil varieties, such as "February Gold," are still in bloom even as the mid-season varieties have come into bloom during the recent warm spell. There is just something about that classic daffodil shape and smell that makes them one of the best flowers of spring. They are low maintenance flowers that can even be planted in a yard that is shaded most of the year with deciduous trees.

Some perennial flowers and

shrubs have put forth just a small amount of greenery. They are hedging their bet - knowing that cold weather is not over but wanting to take advantage of the stronger sunlight. Seeing the daylilies stick their noses up out of the ground is a sign to me that true spring-like weather is just a few weeks away.

In preparation for spring's arrival leaves should be removed from the flower beds, last year's flower stalks should be trimmed back to near ground level, and the hardiest perennial flowering plants such as daylily and sedum can be transplanted or divided.

Liriope is a very low maintenance ground cover plant that looks like clumps of grass. The only thing that needs to be done to them to make them look neat is to cut back last year's leaves to an inch or so in height just before the new leaves grow out. That job should be done in the next few weeks. Make sure not to nip the new leaves.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 23, 2000 • 7:30 p.m.

GHI Board Room

Key Agenda Items

GDC Meeting

1. Financial Statements
2. Boiler Replacements bids - Buildings 15-19 of Parkway
3. Depreciation schedules

GHI Meeting

- ◆ Requests for donations
 - Christmas in April
 - Greenbelt Museum

Regular Board meetings are open to members.

Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Boys Baseball and Girls Softball

Registration at the
Greenbelt Youth Center

Saturday, March 18, 10 am to 1 pm

Saturday, March 25, 10 am to 1 pm

Tuesday, March 28, 7 pm to 9 pm

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